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SJC remembers 9/11

Community holds memorial service for victims of 9/11 tragedy

By Elysse Hillyer
Editor-in-Chief

This past Sunday marked the solemn tenth anniversary of the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001. Although most of the current students at the College were young children at that time, the impact on the nation can still be felt a decade later.

The Saint Joseph's College community came together to honor the memory of those who were killed that fateful day.

On Saturday evening, students gathered at dusk around the flagpole outside of the Halleck Center for a flag planting ceremony. A flag was placed in the grass to represent each of the almost 3000 victims of the attacks.

Junior History major James Bertucci was the student leader of the memorial services. He explained "9/11 affected almost 3,000 people directly, but it indirectly impacted us all. So Campus Ministry felt we had to do something special for this anniversary. Then Student Development and several other organizations joined in to help." Nearly 30 students helped place the flags.

Sunday afternoon, a memorial service took place in the same location. It was opened with an adapted version of a speech made by Pope Benedict XVI when he visited Ground Zero in New York. Students also read two passages from the Bible.

Saint Joseph's College President F. Dennis Riegelneegg spoke about his personal experiences on September 11th and the ways it impacted his life. He also told students that "as



academics, we need to understand and reconcile what happened."

The Rensselaer Volunteer Fire Department Chief Buz Koehler also spoke about the rescue workers who risked their lives to help others. "Losing a member of the fire department is like a losing a family member," he said.

The service ended with the College's choir singing the national anthem and Taps played by Sophomore Music major Chris Davies. The somber ceremony was attended by many members of the Puma family, including students and staff.

After the ceremony, Senior Political Science major Adam Ruggles reflected that September 11th "helped me realize the power of unity and drove home the point that enough people, bound together with a common thread, are capable of anything."

Photos courtesy of Elysse Hillyer

(Top) Students and Student Development staff placed flags by the flagpole near Halleck Student Center Saturday evening. Each of the nearly 3000 flags represents a life lost on 9/11.

(Bottom) President Riegelneegg gives a speech during the memorial service about the impact of 9/11.



Music Department gets new, improved look

By Rachel King
Staff Writer

Over the summer students and professors worked together to renovate the music department. Associate Professor and Band Director Robb Thiel and Director of Choral Music Kelly Ford were the two professors who helped work on the renovations.

Music majors junior Kelso Danning and senior Krishanna Baker also helped with the project. The students worked for five days a week with a total of 30 hours.

This was a joint project with

the music department and the buildings and grounds staff. The renovation of the music department started the finals week of last semester and ended the week before school started.

"First we removed a lot of the book shelves, cabinets, tore up the carpet, and opened up doors that were boarded shut," Thiel said.

They also painted all of the rooms, refinished the woodwork, put tables and chairs together, and the carpenter shop put down the new carpet.

In two of the classrooms there are interactive white boards, and there is now an electronic music

lab. "[It] is really neat" said Thiel.

The choir room is now on the third floor of the Evans Arts and Science building. The faculty have bigger offices now and bigger studios for private lesson teachers. "Everyone is impressed," said Thiel.

The room number signs were also replaced and they also got a new lock system.

Senior Music major Ethan Avina is really happy with the renovations. "The new desks that are there now are a lot nicer than the old ones because people can actually fit their notebook and book on the desk during class,

He is also impressed with the

new technology, "We have some of the most high tech learning tools on campus" Avina said. He also said "I also feel almost jealous. I'm sad I won't be able to enjoy it as much as everyone else because I'm a senior."

There were several other renovations projects in progress around campus at the same time, including cleaning the reflecting pond fountain, fixing the drainage problem in the IM field, and adding carpet to some of the classrooms in the Core building. The water tower was also repainted and now features a Puma pawprint.



Harvestfest: New freshman program offers food, fun, and skill building

By Erin Hill
Staff Writer

Have you ever wanted to be able to say you made dinner from scratch, or that all the food is home grown? Well, the freshmen at St. Joseph's College are getting that chance this September at an event called Harvestfest.

Associate Professor of Education Dr. Lana Zimmer was in charge of the planting and growing of the garden that the students are picking their fresh vegetables from. The garden is located between the soccer and softball fields. It has a wide variety of fresh foods, like peppers, corn, and tomatoes, all freshly picked.

Students have been excited and are ready to help. Freshman Accounting C.P.A major Matt Fehring was involved with the process of cooking a meal for the group on Thursday September 8 and said, "It was fun because the cafeteria food is terrible compared to the homegrown taste that this brings, and you get to work with lots of other freshmen."

Matt went on to talk about how he learned many new skills that he had not known before.

Aside from picking the food, it needs to be prepared into meals. Assistant Professor of Computer Science Brian Capouch

is the head cook for the meals. He teaches the student volunteers how to cook for a large group of people and other new skills that can help later in life.

Freshman Elementary Education major Savannah Carver was excited to get involved with the harvestfest. It gave her something to do that she loves. "I'm not a cook, but I can bake. I've always loved baking, and when I moved in I was waiting for the next time I could make something. Unfortunately, the only dorm with an oven is Noll. Harvestfest was a chance for me to be able to do something that I love as well as feed others. I haven't gotten a bad review yet!"

Through this program freshmen get to meet new people, enjoy good food, listen to music, and the meal is free to the students.

Harvestfest is set up to get the freshman involved while trying to adjust to college. This project is serving a great purpose to all who are willing to learn new skills like cooking and gardening. So, if you want to meet new people, learn new skills, or just enjoy a fresh homegrown meal, the harvest fest is the place to be!



(Top) photo courtesy of Fr. McFarland, C. PP. S.

Harvestfest volunteers measure out ingredients. The volunteers made everything from scratch, even the pizza dough.



(Bottom) These freshman volunteers work together to prepare the many different dishes served during the Harvestfest dinners, all of which are made with all natural ingredients found within five miles of campus.

Dr. Sprey accepts Fulbright Scholarship

By F. H. Gonzalez
Staff Writer

After the end of the last school year, Associate Professor of History Dr. Ilicia Sprey made the decision to go on Sabbatical for the spring semester of 2012. In August, Dr. Sprey received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Vietnam over the duration of the sabbatical. "It was in the beginning of August when I received a phone call from the Council of International and Educational Studies asking if I wanted to accept the scholarship," said Dr. Sprey. "It's kind of hard to turn down."

The Fulbright Scholarship is a program for students and educators alike. It was created by Senator J. William Fulbright in 1946 as a means to send American students to study, and serve as cultural emissaries to nations abroad.

Dr. Sprey will be going to Vietnam, and she is not sure exactly where she will be sent, but she is aware of her duties. Starting in January, Dr. Sprey will be teaching and studying history, as well as serving as a guest lecturer at the local universities. "Most of the classes will be taught in English, but I do plan on brushing up on my Vietnamese," Dr. Sprey added. She will stay in Vietnam for five to six months, depending on how much work she will be taking on.

In total, Dr. Sprey is grateful for receiving this opportunity. Not only will she be going abroad for a whole semester, but she will be working on behalf of the State Educational Department. "It's really an honor to accept this kind of scholarship. Not only will you be able to go to other countries, but you will make new friends and broaden your perspective," said Dr. Sprey. "Personally, I would encourage most students to be interested in the Fulbright program. It's an excellent opportunity to get to know a culture, while helping others to understand our own."

For more on the Fulbright program, and what it has to offer, there is a lot of information on the State Department website for Educational and Cultural Affairs



Photo courtesy of SJC website
Associate Professor of History Dr. Ilicia Sprey recieved the Fulbright.

Upcoming Events

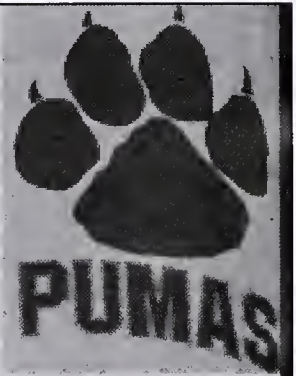
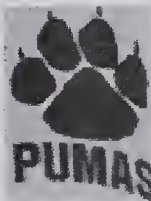
9/12 - 10/31 Open room change

9/17 SUB Event: Comedian Adam Grabowski

9/17 Constitution and Citizenship Day

9/20 Measure Reading

9/23 - 9/25 Camping Retreat



Comedian Ty Barnett Captivates Labor Day Weekend Audience

By Patrick Fisher
Staff Writer

When Comedian Ty Barnett walked up on stage, he was immediately greeted by warm applause and shouts of encouragement, setting the tone for the audience's reactions for the rest of Barnett's set.

Ty Barnett performed on Friday, September 1, in the Ballroom of Halleck Student Center. Barnett opened his act with the more familiar subject of relationships, but slowly made his way to the absurd, reaching the conclusion of trying to talk to an albino dwarf but being at a loss for words.

From the moment he had walked on stage, he captivated his audience, and led them from one laugh to another.

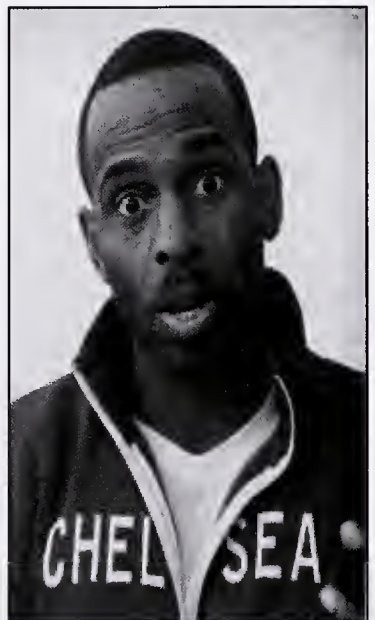
Every time it seemed like the crowd was slipping from his

grasp, he quickly snatched them back up again. Several of the best examples of his recaptures were callbacks to previous jokes in his set, or even repetitions with only the very end changed at all.

Barnett has appeared on the Comedy Central channel with his own 30-minute special and narrowly lost to Josh Blue in NBC's Last Comic Standing season 4. He was also voted "Up-And-Coming Comedian of the Year" at the Las Vegas Comedy Festival in 2002. One can also see him in the film "Stand Up" by director Joseph Pierce as the warm-up act for Donna Summer.

Near the end of his set, Barnett held a Q&A session to help the audience better understand him. When asked about his comedic idols, he cited Chris Rock, Richard Pryor, Jerry Seinfeld, and Dave Chappelle as the major influences on his

comedic routine. Overall, Ty Barnett's comedy brought smiles to all who appeared.



Comedian Ty Barnett. Courtesy of Google Image.

Loving One’s Neighbor

By James Bertucci
Guest Writer

“I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.” What? Really? Why could you just have said love you, not them? You make it so hard some days...

Brothers and sisters, sometimes our brother and sisters can be annoying. Sometimes very annoying. Sometimes our brothers and sisters are so annoying that we feel we could hurt them. Maybe hurt them violently. Maybe even murder them. Well, maybe not violently hurt them or murder them, but we all know what I am talking about. Yet, what does our God ask of us but to love those bastards and those idiots: our brothers and sisters.

“I am not calling him because he hurt her.” “I am not wasting my time on her because she is worthless, and adds nothing to the world.” “He’s so mean, why should I be kind to him?” “Let him say sorry first, then I’ll say sorry.” These are things we say about one another, because these things happen in life. People we

know hurt us, or hurt people we know. Sometimes people are just plain annoying. So, we close ourselves off from them, breaking our relationships with our brothers and sisters because they will not back down, because they will not admit to their wrong-doing. But is closing ourselves off from the troublemakers of the world what Jesus asked us to do?

When God came to earth about 2,000 years ago, he did not first say, “Repent first, then I will come.” He did not say, “I’ll wait until they deserve my coming.” He just came. And when he died for us, he did not first ask us to be good so that we could earn that love, he just loved us as his own. He made the first step. This is a model for us to follow. We, too, can try to make the first step to heal a relationship. We, too, should follow God’s example and call up that person who hurt us and figure out why they did that or what actually happened. We, too, should take the first step and admit to our failures before waiting for the other to do so.

But we have trouble doing this.

We have trouble taking the first step towards healing, patience, and kindness. Why? Maybe because it makes us feel weak. “If I admit to what I did, people might think differently of me.” “What if they don’t also admit to what they did?” I mean, look at Jesus. He took the first step by loving us before we earned it and look how weak he was. He let himself be so weak that we killed him.

What might happen to us if we, like Jesus, took the first step? Well, what happened to Jesus three days later? He rose from the dead, gloriously. Sometimes we think only of the short term of what would happen if we take the first steps in a relationship with our brothers and sisters. This could be any relationship, too, from a romantic type to an acquaintance, to a strong friendship. If we first tell our roommate who has banned us from using his TV and Xbox “sorry that I keep forgetting to turn it off the right way,” does that not make us look pathetic? But what if we do? What can happen

even three days later? The two can become friends again, and (pending that the other does turn it off the right way most of the time) much hurt and tension can be avoided.

Jesus was hurt and bleeding, and on the third day he rose alive and well. Jesus looked horrible with all those wounds, and on the third day he looked immaculate. Jesus let himself be killed, and on the third day he conquered death itself.

Maybe we can’t conquer death by saying sorry to some of our annoying brothers and sisters or having patience for those bastards, but we can feel free. We can let go of that drama. We can let go of that hurt. We can move on with our lives. “Love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus showed us how much he loved, loves, and will love us, and what will happen if we do the same as he did. Are we up to the challenge? I think we have a chance!

Where is the Respect?

By Meigan Rennels
Opinions Editor

I will never understand why men think that—as a woman—the only thing I want is to be shouted at while I walk across campus. I know guys will always say they do not understand women, but this is a little ridiculous. I have lost count of the number of times where I have heard “Hey girl!” or “Lookin’ Good” or some other such pick-up line shouted to me or I have heard a friend complain about the same problem. This is something I truly detest and will never understand. Sorry guys, but there is really nothing charming or interesting about a man who cannot even approach a woman to speak to her and there is NOTHING attractive about being shouted at.

If these were isolated cases, I would not complain, I might even understand it. Sometimes people do stupid things or they are trying to be funny, but this happens all the time. I cannot tell you how many women on campus I have heard mention the same problem and every one of them wonders the same thing, “Where is the respect?”

There was a time when women were protected, watched after and respected by the men around them. Speaking to a woman was an art form, not a shouted sentence or two from fifty yards away. What happened to the thought that women deserved respect?

I do not think that it is asking for too much. I simply would love to see a little chivalry around Saint Joseph’s and at the very least, not be yelled at when I am walking around campus. I do not think that it is too much to

ask, gentlemen that you speak respectfully. It will get you a lot farther in many women’s estimation if you approach them and speak to them instead of murmuring a pick-up line as you walk by or by shouting across the campus.

Now, do not get me wrong, I like talking to guys. But the keyword here is talking. I want to have a conversation with someone, I want to know their name, what they are majoring in and what we have in common. I do not want to have anything to do with a man that thinks the appropriate way to address a woman is a shouted, “Hey girl!” from fifty yards away and I do not know any woman that thinks appreciates these kind of attempts at her attention.

What exactly are you expecting gentlemen? That you shout at a woman from across the IM field and she immediately falls deeply in love (or lust) with you and the two of you ride off into the sunset? It just does not make sense. The way to win a girl is to talk to her, to get to know her, to offer help when she needs it.

Women want romance. Take the advice and give the shouting a rest. We do not like it. You are not going to get anywhere with these kinds of shenanigans, and honestly it gives a bad reputation to the other men around campus. What woman wants to respond to someone that is genuinely trying to talk to her when she is so used to dealing with morons (sorry guys) who yell things at her from far away?

To be truthful, gentlemen, it is degrading to think that the best way to speak to a woman is this way. That is why I want to know what happened to the respect.

Obviously you guys do not respect us if you think that you do not even really need to talk to us to get our attention. Maybe I am wrong, and you are not trying to get a girl back to your room, but that is sure what it looks like, and that in itself is just offensive. Please guys, offer us a little respect. We deserve it.

I know that not all of the guys on campus are disrespectful to women. Some of you know that shouted pick up lines are inappropriate. I know men on campus that will walk a girl back to her room just so she does not have to walk alone after dark, or men that will pause and hold open a door. I know men that will come hunt for a bug for a girl when she

swears it ran “that way”. And for those nice guys out there: Those guys that hold open doors, speak kindly and offer to help with bugs and heavy lifting, I want to say thank you from all the women on campus who appreciate being treated with respect. You really are the winners, even if everyone says that nice guys finish last. You are the kind of guy every girl wants. Our Prince Charming. You do not get the thanks you deserve, but your chivalry does not go unnoticed. And to you cat-callers, take a lesson from the nice guys. They will get the girl.

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Watch the Throne: Kanye/Jay-Z Mastery

By Corey Dowds
Features Editor

It's hard to pick between these two: albums by two great artists, or a super collaboration on one album between both of the artists. In the case of Jay-z and Kanye West, I think we will go with the latter. Just in case you have been living in a cave or mineshaft, Jay-Z and Kanye West have released a new album where they team up, and let me tell ya folks, critics, including myself, are going gorillaz.

If your ears managed to avoid being destroyed by the mythical banshee this summer, then chances are you heard this album while rolling up to campus just a few weeks ago. If what you heard was confusing, dark, soothing, delightful, loud, brash, auto-tuned, ethically and morally challenging, then you were listening to Watch the Throne. Musically speaking, the album could be summarized easiest by one word: unconventional. An intro to one song sounds like the intro to a 16-bit Megaman video game, but is transformed into an



Kanye and Jay-Z rock out on stage together. (Google Images)

unconventional but amazing song.

The song I am referring to is "N****s in Paris." Contrary to what the title might imply, this song, and every song on the album, is lyrically pretty heavy stuff. Primarily, the album is about blacks, and being famous black rappers like Jay-Z and Kanye are. Upon closer inspection, the entirety of the album is a social commentary on Western society and how blacks in society are still viewed as second class. The themes and topics vary from those two, but very little.

In the song "Otis," both rappers come together with a

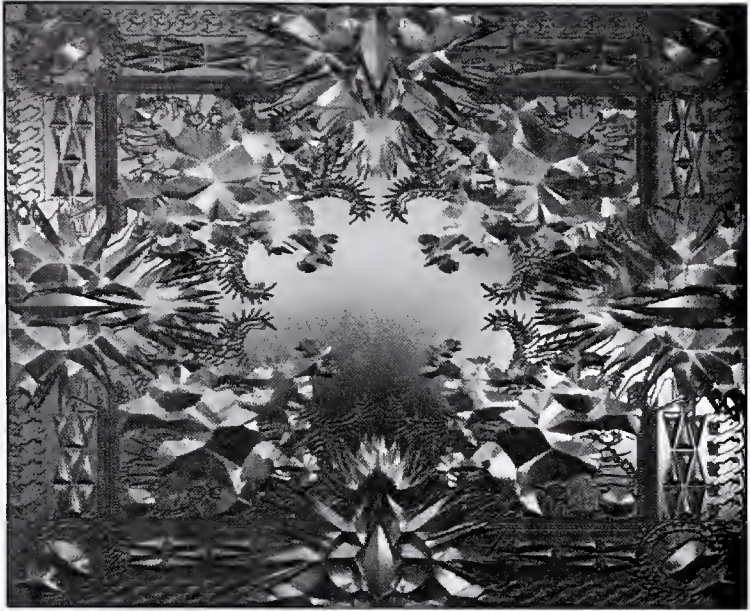
great song, with a music video to match. In the video, Jay-Z and Kanye ride around in a pimped out car- but my favorite thing about the video is just how they show Kanye and Jay-Z having a good time. We are aware that these two have had their differences in the past (see "Big Brother" by Kanye), but it seems to me that they are the best of friends now.

Watch the Throne is not just limited to the two prolific rappers, but also many guest artists as well. These artists include Jay-Z's wife Beyonce, Frank Ocean, The-Dream, Mr. Audson, Connie

Mitchell, Justin Vernon, and Kid Cudi.

To be perfectly frank, I don't want to tell you everything about Watch the Throne. In fact, I've probably already said too much. Whether you interpret it as "Make you ball harder" like Luke McRoberts, or "think it's garbage" like Brian Witt, everyone's Watch the Throne experience is different, and I

don't really want to skew that interpretation. But then again, I will, because I will say that I love Watch the Throne simply because the beats and orchestral music are stellar. It's Jay-Z and Kanye, the father of modern rap and the prodigy of hiphop, not to mention the lyrics are provocative and get people going!



The Cover of Watch The Throne, released on August 8th. The prolific album debuted #1 on the US top 200 chart. (Courtesy of Google images)

Top 3 Most Anticipated Video Games of 2011

By Adam Ruggles
Features Writer

This year has already seen its fair share of blockbuster video games hit shelves. With titles such as Resistance 3, Infamous 2, Portal 2, and Deus Ex: Human Revolution already in stores, how does the remaining 2011 lineup stack up to its early competitors? The answer: quite nicely. Without further a due, I present the three most anticipated video games of 2011.

3. Batman: Arkham City

Video game developer Rocksteady Studios struck gold with their 2009 release of Batman: Arkham Asylum, which garnered numerous Game of the Year awards. This third-person action-adventure stealth masterpiece thrust its players into the Dark Knight's shoes as he combated villains, most notably The Joker, within Arkham Asylum.

Batman: Arkham City, due to

hit shelves on October 18, returns fans to the desolate metropolis of Arkham alongside a number of confirmed villains including The Joker, Harley Quinn, Two Face, Mr. Freeze, and Hugo Strange.

Also, it has been confirmed that fans will be finally be able to play as Catwoman. The pressure is on Rocksteady Studios to deliver a worthy follow up to Batman: Arkham Asylum. Fans need not fret because, by what I have seen, there is nothing suggesting that Batman: Arkham City will be anything but another stunning achievement.

2. Gears of War 3

The first true exclusive blockbuster to hit Microsoft's XBOX 360 was Epic Games' 2006 third-person shooter, Gears of War. Since that time, the Gears of War series has never relinquished its place among the top tier of video games.

In Gears of War 3, players once again assume the role of Delta Squad leader Marcus Fenix,

an ex-prisoner and military hero, as he continues to desperately lead the Coalition of Ordered Governments (COGS) to victory over the reptilian Locust and Lambent invasion. However, it has been confirmed, for the first time ever in the series, players will experience the events of Gears 3 through the eyes of different members of Delta Squad within the single-player campaign.

On top of a campaign that is expected to end the current Gears of War story arc as well as feature four-player online cooperative play, Gears 3 will again feature its beloved Horde mode, complete with numerous upgrades, which forces players to work together to survive wave after wave of increasingly challenging enemies.

In addition to all of this, Beast mode offers players the option of assuming the role of the attacking Locust in a unique twist on its traditional Horde mode. Want more good news? Gears of War 3's release date is merely



Since the re-emergence of Batman into popular culture, no social medium is beyond his reach. Follow him on twitter! (Courtesy of Google images)

days away - September 20, 2011.

1. Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3

In recent memory, the Call of Duty series has dominated the military first-person shooter genre. Each year fans eagerly await the next Call of Duty game and for good reason as the last several installments in the series have been exceptional. In their newest endeavor, Modern Warfare 3, developers Infinity Ward and Sledgehammer Games will again shift the setting from Call of Duty: Black Ops' Vietnam era to the modern age, featuring the most up-to-date weapons and gadgets.

The single-player campaign will see the return of protagonists John "Soap" MacTavish, captain of Task Force 141, and Special Air Service Captain John Price as they continue to trace Vladimir Makarov, leader of an Ultranationalist terrorist cell. Locales confirmed for the campaign include America, England, France, and Germany. Throughout the course of the campaign, players will assume the roles of several other soldiers in their attempt to end the Russian invasion of the United States.

However, the Call of Duty

campaigns have never been the main draw of the series. That role is, of course, its highly addicting and extremely competitive multiplayer. Modern Warfare 3 is sure to continue the same award winning multiplayer action while introducing a new and improved kill streak system, which introduces support rewards, including surface to air missiles (SAM) and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV). Specialist kill streaks, which award additional perks instead of normal kill streak bonuses, have also been newly added.

On top of this, a particular exciting new Survival mode has been confirmed. In this mode, two players team up to face impossible odds as they wage war on waves of enemies while earning money to purchase different guns, upgrades, and power-ups. On a more personal note: Even though I have long pledged allegiance to the Halo universe when it comes to first-person shooters, I cannot deny how remarkably fun and polished this game looks. Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3 will be released worldwide on November 8, 2011.



Screenshot of Gears of War 3. (Courtesy of Google Images.)

The Moon can wait in Apollo 18



Photo courtesy of Google Images

By Alan Austin
Staff Writer

The other weekend I got the opportunity to go to the local Fountain Stone movie theaters with some friends. We all walked in happy and giddy, ready for a movie focusing on a different thought behind the moon landings of the Apollo missions. The movie is supposed to be built as if there were an alien species on the moon. Sadly most of it just did not appeal to me. There were some small errors and large errors which could not be passed to make it even a decent movie.

The big problem at the beginning is the fact that these moon crabs are just rocks most of the time. The thought of watching a movie about killer rocks just does not sit well at all. I mean honestly, why would I wish to watch a movie where a rock kills somebody? Usually in action movies, killing someone with a rock is a side item, but in this case this is what the movie is about.

What happens to be the biggest problem in my opinion is the basic ecosystem they have built for this movie. Rocks and crabs..... There is not a single producer in this ecosystem. No proof of plant life, yet there is a whole ecosystem of human attacking crab rocks which look like

the face grabbers from Sigourney Weaver's Aliens.

I appreciated the fact that once the crabs bit people they turned into evil red eyed maniacs. It seems to me that you never get a horror flick where people turn into good Samaritans after they get bit by some unknown creature. Wonder what the title of a movie like that would be?

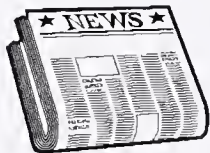
If you enjoy the suspenseful ways of the typical horror show, then I will assure you that this is one of those types of films. Guaranteed to know everything by midpoint, Apollo 18 is an out of this world experience!

The thoughts in your head may be that the movie still has great potential. I do not blame you for wanting to see it. I was never the type of person who would listen to the idiots giving reviews on movies anyway. The thought of always having to check for myself always crossed my mind. Not surprisingly, I have wasted a lot of money. Going to the movies is always a pleasurable experience regardless of what movie is playing, right? Maybe it will be so bad you would write an article about it like I did. At any rate, we can all agree that the moon would be a pretty cool place to go to!

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Poetry Corner

Hey guys, here's an example of a poem from the Creative Writing Poetry class this semester. If you like what you see and think you have a good poem that you want to share, email me and we can submit it!

-Kristina Hemmerling, kht8430@saintjoe.edu.

Hunger
by Corey Dowds

A thrashing wildfire
Spreading without bias
Going where the
unfortunate are
Changing their life forever
Forever for the worse

Pain
by Kristina Hemmerling

A sudden lightning strike
Coming in the midst of a
storm
Happening on its own
Landing in many places
Emotional, mental, or
physical
Almost anything.



Photo courtesy of Google Images

Promises, Promises offers Promise

By Mark Rouse
Features Writer

"Promises, Promises" is a Broadway play that has just recently closed its first season. This play is a reproduction of a 1960's movie entitled "The Apartment." This particular production was nominated for several Tony Awards.

It takes place in New York City in the early 1960's. It centers around Chuck Baxter, an ambitious bachelor and an executive-in-training at a major insurance company. He falls in love Fran Kubelik, a restaurant waitress who just happens to be having an affair with J.D. Sheldrake, Chuck's boss.

Sean Hayes does an amazing performance as Chuck Baxter and Kristin Chenoweth plays an outstanding Fran Kubelik.

It also features music by Burt Bacharach and Hal David. "Promises, Promises" finished its Broadway run in January 2011, but the producers are now part of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," starring Daniel Radcliffe and John Larroquette.

Having personally seen this musical and being on stage, I would rate this at 4 stars. Great music, great characters and hilarious dialogue. A must see for any theatrical connoisseur.

Fall T.V. Preview



Photo courtesy of Google Images

Terra Nova

Starts Sept. 26 on FOX

This show follows an ordinary family on an incredible journey back in time to prehistoric Earth as a small part of a daring experiment to save the human race. In the year 2149, the world is dying. The planet is overdeveloped and overcrowded with the majority of plant and animal life extinct. The future of mankind is in jeopardy, and its only hope for survival is in the distant past. When scientists unexpectedly discovered a fracture in time that made it possible to construct a portal into primeval history, the bold notion was born to resettle humanity in the past — a second chance to rebuild civilization and get it right this time.

Whitney

Starts Sept. 22 on NBC

NBC's new multi-camera comedy "Whitney" is a hilarious look at modern day love, which centers around Whitney (Whitney Cummings, "Chelsea Lately") and Alex (Chris D'Elia, "Glory Daze"), a happily unmarried couple. Together for three years, the duo is in no rush to get hitched, which seems to get a mixed response from their friends.



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Revenge

Starts Sept. 21 on ABC

Wealth, beauty and status define the people in this town, but one woman is willing to destroy everyone for the sake of revenge. Emily Thorne (Emily Van Camp) is new to the Hamptons, but something is a little odd about a young girl living in a wealthy town all on her own, and the truth is that Emily isn't exactly new to the neighborhood. In fact, this was once her old neighborhood, until something bad happened that ruined her family and their reputation. Now Emily is back, and she's returned to right some of those wrongs in the best way she knows how — with a vengeance.

PUMA FOOTBALL WINNING TODAY

By Marissa Flores
Staff Writer

Coach Cory Sanders joined the Saint Joseph's College football staff on February 18th, 2011 as Head Football Coach. He is now part of a great legacy of SJC coaches. Coach Sanders returns to SJC after two years of coaching at Elmhurst College where he served as Defensive Backs Coach. As a player, Sanders served as a three-year captain for SJC where he helped the Pumas make it to two conference championships. He was a four time all-Conference Selection and awarded the SJC Defensive MVP in the 2005 season. So as you can tell Coach Sanders in no stranger to SJC.

The Pumas played their first game September 3, 2011 against Ohio Dominican. The final score ending 32-20, adding a loss to the Pumas record. The team this year consists of well over 50 freshmen and a little over 40 returning players. With this new young team Coach Sanders would like to continue learning, achieving and doing bigger and better things. He stresses the fact of team unity. He believes that this team has been one of the tightest knit groups of young men he has ever seen.

He uses the term "self-less" to describe the team, watching the older one take the younger ones under their wing and showing them the ropes.

Although being a young team can have its benefits, such as

growth and bonding, it can also have its downfalls. Coach Sanders mentioned that the first half of the game was remarkable. They went there to do what they went there for, to play ball. The second half came, and regretfully, Ohio Dominican outlasted the Pumas physically and mentally. "There were many mistakes made as a team that didn't allow us to pull through in the second half," Sanders said.

When asked what goals or objectives he wanted to accomplish throughout the season he said, "winning today. If we win each and every day, in the classroom, overall on campus, in practice, drill to drill, we will have success on Saturday, so my goal is to win every day". A very honorable motto to live by. Along with his motto of "winning today" Coach Sanders plans to improve the culture of the program. Culture in a sense of discipline, and discipline meaning being more academically based, have better attitudes, and most important developing well rounded young men.

We hope to see great things in the future, and in this upcoming season. The Pumas sure have their work cut out for them in the road that lies ahead. Under the direction of Coach Sanders the Saint Joseph's College Pumas are sure to win every day.

Men's Soccer Welcomes David Stroud as Interim Head Coach

By Daniel Zimmer
Sports Editor

Coach David Stroud joined the Puma men's soccer staff August 5, 2009. On July 28th Stroud was promoted to interim head soccer coach for the 2011 season.

Stroud has a very diverse background, including two stops at NCAA Division II institutions. He previously served as an assistant coach under Marco Koolman at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H., during the 2008-09 season. There, he helped the Ravens achieve a national ranking and a place in the 32-team NCAA Championships field. He was responsible for goalkeeper training and opponent scouting, in addition to other duties.

Prior to joining the FPU staff, he completed a variety of professional assignments in his native Japan where he worked with Okayama Yunogo Belle in the Japanese women's professional league as a goalkeeper trainer, where he worked with multiple national-level athletes, including the 2007 Asian Football Conference player-of-the-year nominee from Japan. Before his return to Japan, Stroud was an assistant men's

and women's soccer coach at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo., in 2002.

With all these different backgrounds Stroud believes highly in communication. "This has to happen both on and off the field. Coming together and being on the same page is important. Every player has his own style of play, so the game is subjective and everyone sees things differently." Stroud also served as a translator for a rugby team overseas, Suntory Rugby Club and it was here he began to see life and the game of soccer differently. While serving under coaching director Eddie Jones athletics could be seen as an art form. Jones taught Stroud to see managing a team as a canvas and when there are so many influences then it gets ugly and chaotic. "I hope to help our players make our canvas of work more clear and beautiful," said Stroud.

Stroud is very grateful for the opportunity and is already having some feeling of accomplishment. Stroud has kept a journal for years and in it he has written down his daily and yearly goals. "I am very close to achieving them," he says. It was when Stroud first arrived at



Coach Sanders hard at work during the season opener.
Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim C. PP. S

Athletic's Website Gets New Makeover

By J.J. Miller
Staff Writer

Saint Joseph's College has launched its new athletics website, athletics.saintjoe.edu, designed by SIDEARM Sports.

"We're very excited to offer this new website to Pumas past, present, and future," said SJC Athletic Director Bill Massoels '89. "The site gives us the opportunity to interact with visitors in new ways, and it will employ technology that will give people an enjoyable, user-friendly experience."

Along with sporting a sleek design, the site will feature interactive content that will allow visitors to track live scoring, view videos of coaches and athletes, and gain information through various social networking mediums such as Twitter and Facebook. The site will also offer mobile updates,

podcasts, photo galleries, and access to Puma merchandise.

As with the old site, visitors can also view rosters, schedules, and player statistics and information. Recruitment forms for prospective student athletes will also be available through the site.

"The purpose of the site is to integrate social media into our fan base, giving Saint Joseph's College Athletics a fresh, modern, and more informative face," said SJC Sports Information Director Ken Badylak '05. "I feel the site will give our student athletes increased recognition for their accomplishments. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of students Stephanie Wiethop '12, Sean Estand '11, Shawn Hardy '11, and Mike Korman '11, who have assisted with the integration process the past three months."



Men's Soccer Pumas celebrate their opening goal
Photo Courtesy of Fr. Tim C. PP. S

Saint Joseph's College when he inked the goal that he wanted to become the head coach of a collegiate soccer program in three years.

Stroud is again using these past lessons to teach his young Pumas and not only make them better soccer players, but also better people in life. Not only has Stroud kept goals for his soccer, but also for his normal life every-day life. Stroud says, "Of course my ultimate dream would be to

win the World Cup with Japan."

Preseason showed high promises for the men's soccer team with two weeks worth of work which included three scrimmages against University of Saint Francis, Wabash College, and Valparaiso University. "Again hard work showed and we took steps in the right direction. We are getting there." Currently, the Pumas are 1-3 with a recent win against Lewis University with a 2-1 result.

Upcoming Home Games

- 9/16
Volleyball
vs University
of Wisconsin-
Parkside
7:00 PM
- 9/17
Volleyball vs
Lewis University
3:00 PM
- 9/23
Women's Soccer
vs Quincy
University
5:00 PM
- Volleyball
vs Kentucky
Wesleyan College
7:00 PM
- Men's Soccer
vs Quincy
University
7:30 PM
- 9/24
Football vs
Southwest Baptist
University
12:00 PM
- Volleyball
vs University of
Southern Indiana
3:00 PM



TENNIS COMES OUT SWINGING

By Katie Guernsey
Sports Writer

Ask any Puma tennis player how they feel about the upcoming tennis season and they'll all say the same thing: excited and ready for competition.

Head coach Reggie Sanderson has much to say about the new season. "Last year the women came off a season where they were 20-3 and qualified for the NCAAs. Losing 4 of 6 starters from that team I was uncertain we could overcome our inexperience, but the women stepped up big, just missing the GLVC tournament. Last year the men produced the first winning season since I took the program in 2006. But we had a very successful recruiting season, so I'm excited to work with both proven winners and talented freshmen. I believe we can build on the winning season we had last year and take it another level higher."

The Lady Pumas went 16-6 in their 2010-2011 season and 1-5 in the GLVC. Both captain Katee Sanderson, junior, and Marie Kegley, sophomore, achieved all-GLVC honors last season. Sanderson, playing at 1 singles and 1 doubles, earned a record of 20-2, and Kegley, playing at 2 singles and 1 doubles, finished 21-1.

The team graduated only one player from last year's roster, Emily Thieme. Adding to Sanderson and Kegley as returning players are senior Natalie Burgeson and sophomore Katie Guernsey. For the 2011-2012 season the team is thrilled



Seth Arthur volleys the ball. (Photo courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland, C. Pp S.)

about the addition of three new freshmen: Brooke Foltz, Katie Phillips, and Josie Jones. "I'm looking forward to having a great season with the new talent we brought in combined with all returning players," Sanderson says. "We seemed to increase our intensity this year. Hopefully it will pay off."

The men's team went 18-9 last season, and 0-5 in the GLVC.

The Pumas graduated seniors Ishan Gohil and Miguel Belcina. Returning players include seniors Ben Frankowski, Matt Slawson, and manager Matt Williams, junior Carl Fisher and sophomores Seth Arthur, Joseph Bomben, Dylan Helton, and Joe Scott. The team added five new freshmen including Brian Clark, Kyle Curry, Danny James, Jordan Loveless, Adam Meeker, and Will Miller.

Team captain Seth Arthur is ready for the season to begin: "We are very excited for the upcoming season. We have a great group of guys who are dedicated and talented, which gives our team great depth. We expect to do very

well and build on the success from last year."

"With three freshmen and four returning players everyone has stepped up this year and have been working hard," Kegley reports.

Both teams have begun practice with what they believe it takes to have a successful season: a positive attitude. Carl Fisher is one of many with this hopeful attitude. "I'm looking forward to the upcoming season. I am excited for upcoming matches and I can't wait to pull a few upsets against conference teams in the spring."

The men's season begins at home against Purdue University-Calumet September 11. Both teams travel to the Ashford University Tournament in Iowa on September 17.



Puma Athlete Profile:

By: Jeremy Butterfield
Sports Editor

Dan Zimmer

Dan is a senior soccer player, and he plays every position. He is a Creative Writing/English major. He is the new editor of the sports section of the Observer and is also a tour guide .



Hometown: Grand Rapids, Michigan

How long have you been playing soccer? Since I was 2 years old

How did you get involved with soccer? My family has been playing since they came from Ireland and has been playing on the East coast since.

What position do you play? Whatever coach says to play

What is your favorite food?: My dad's fried Turkey

What music do you like to listen to?: Everything

What movie can you watch over and over again? Boondocks Saints 1 or 2

What was the first job you ever had?: Busboy at Padrão

Did you like it? Not at first but the people were nice and I worked my way up the job ladder

What is one thing that people don't know about you?: I'm scared of cornfields, I imagined that a tiger that chased me into the a cornfield and I got lost for a few hours when I was 4 years old.

What is your favorite sports team? Green Bay Packers, Arsenal FC

PUMAS SURGE INTO CROSS COUNTRY SEASON

By J.J. Miller
Staff Writer

Unless you were in the sport in high school, you've probably never been to a cross country meet or seen a cross country race.

But if you're a fan of Puma athletics or of sports in general, you're definitely going to want to take interest in the cross country team this year. After having a strong season in 2010, Head Coach Bill Mazzoels '89 took his squad from last year, and added a fresh batch of recruits to the mix for the 2011 season. The results have anyone that's been near the program excited for the season to

start.

The women's team features seven returners and three freshmen. Lead by juniors Kirstin Hart and Kelly Lippold, and Seniors Emma Ginter and Hillary Young, the Lady Pumas also feature sophomores Trisha Hanlon, Katie DeBoy, Morgan Kleinaman, along with the three freshmen, Andie Strang, Jessica McClwaint, and Frehiwet Negassi.

Going into the first meet of the season, the running order of the pack is still up in the air, and it's anyone's guess as to who's going to place first on the

team. One thing is for sure, with everyone on the team running so close together, they'll run strong and push each other, and the upcoming season looks bright.

The men's team comes back this season with a majority of the roster still intact. With ten returners and four freshmen, the guys are coming into the season hot. With experienced juniors Rocco Mazzanti and Brian Witt, the lone senior Jack Laski, and six returning sophomores including Jake Carden, Richard Kaht, Mike Fuaser, Matt Philips, Corey Dowds, and Alex Yong. Also Dan Crider, who came to Saint Joseph's in the spring of last year after completing basic training for the Army Reserves, and the four freshmen, Logan Barrett, Bisrat Desta, John Gutterman, and Patrick Mazzoels the Men's team comes into this season strong.

"We're a very young team, a very talented team" said Jake Carden. With eleven members of the roster being underclassmen, Jake's statement rings very true. However, within their team is a strong bond and a great balance of experience and energy.

It may seem repetitive, but everyone should be excited about Puma Cross Country this

season. "If we stay healthy, and stay focused on the task at hand, winning conference is not out of the realm of possibility" said Coach Mazzoels. With both programs hungry for their first conference titles, the entire GLVC may have to get used to

the Pumas being frontrunners this season.

The men's and women's teams compete at the Catholic College Invitational on the 16th.

Below: Hillary Young runs to the finish as the first competition is over. (Courtesy of SJC Athletic website).



Members of the cross country team run to the finish. (Courtesy of SJC Athletic page).



Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for September 15
(219) 866-2222
fountainstonetheaters.com

Apollo 18 (PG13)
2:50, 4:50, 6:50

Contagion (PG13)
2:35, 4:35, 6:35

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG13)
2:30, 4:30, 6:30

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R)
2:40, 4:40, 6:40

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG)
2:45, 4:45, 6:45

Coming Soon
Drive
Abduction
Dolphin Tale

The Ritz Cinema

Movies for September 15
(219) 866-0086
www.ritzcinema.net
All movies begin at 7:00 M-F
Matinees Sat/Sun 2:00

Captain America
(PG-13)

Dating Dan: Dating Advice

By Daniel Zimmer
Sports Editor

How come I am not noticed? I feel like I do so many nice things and I think I would really be a catch. People have said that I am "too nice." What does that mean exactly?

Have you ever noticed that the really attractive people never seem to be attracted to others we deem "nice"?

Of course you have.

Just like me, I'm sure you've had attractive friends that always seemed to date "jerks"... but for some reason they were

never romantically interested in YOU.

And you feverishly ask, "What's going on here?" Well, here's some facts. Most people, heck all people, don't base their choices of their match on how "nice" they are. They choose who they choose because they feel a powerful gut level attraction for them.

And guess what?

Being just nice doesn't make anyone feel that powerful attraction. I can not stress that just enough here. There are many factors besides being nice that make people attracted to one another.

Confidence, appearance, even someone's scent factors into it.

Being nice doesn't make anyone choose you. It may be hard to accept, but you will get over it. You're an individual that offers something unique that no one else can.

Maybe you just haven't found that person yet. I suggest you let them find you. Do not stress too much over it.

Send your dating questions to Dan at dzq7803@saintjoe.edu. Your questions will be kept anonymous.

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to ehq7585@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

"I heard somebody was murdered!"

Person 1-"It tastes like flowers."

Person 2-"You think everything tastes like flowers!"

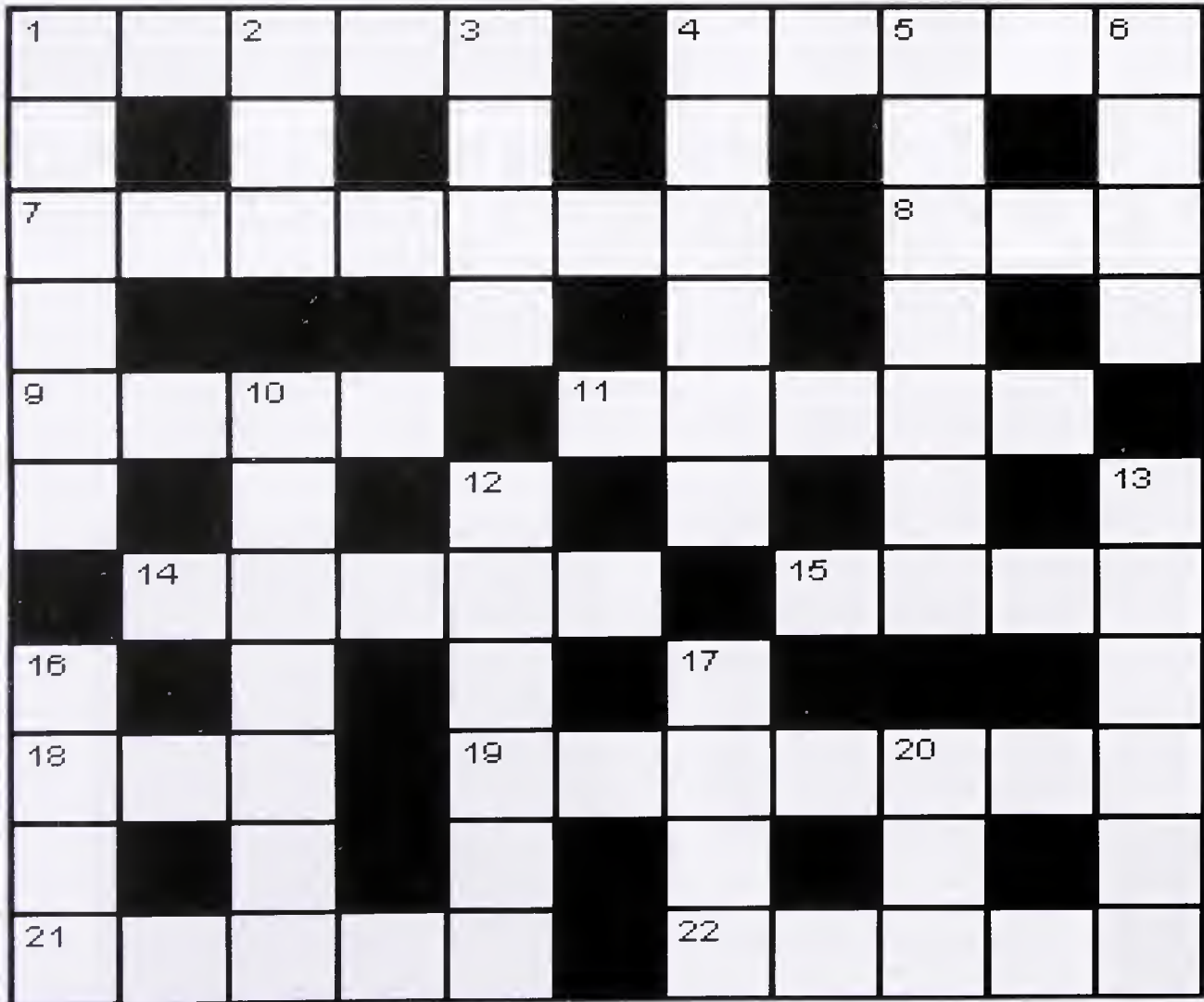
"Dude! I feel like a polar bear who just realized that his life is meaningless."

"No one here is wearing jeans. Jeans are so spring 2012."

"Look, I've already bought the socks. There's no going back."

Reasons to Party

- Sept. 12-Bill Murray is born in 1950
- Sept. 15-Core XI turns 37
- Sept. 19-National Singles Week
- Sept. 22-Ice cream cone is invented in 1903
- Sept. 24-World record for longest kiss set in 1984 at 17 days, 10 1/2 hours
- Sept. 28-Regular season of baseball ends



Across

- 1. Comical (5)
- 4. One of the senses (5)
- 7. Freedom (7)
- 8. Regret (3)
- 9. Woodwind instrument (4)
- 11. Ire (5)

- 14. Valuable item (5)
- 15. Singing voice (4)
- 18. Large antelope (3)
- 19. Greed (7)
- 21. Force out (5)
- 22. Compare (5)

Down

- 1. Bird of prey (6)
- 2. Seize suddenly (3)
- 3. Tall story (4)
- 4. Attempting (6)
- 5. Dreamlike (7)
- 6. Level (4)

- 10. Vague (7)
- 12. Leave (6)
- 13. Forward-looking (6)
- 16. Monster (4)
- 17. Shopping precinct (4)
- 20. Writing fluid (3)

Security Blotter

- 8/20 Burglary-Noll
- 8/26 Larceny-Apartments
- 9/2 Minor Consumption-Apartments
- 9/4 Larceny-Halleck
- 9/7 Drugs-Outside Lawn Shop
- 9/9 Assault-Apartments
- 9/9 Burglary-Merlini
- 9/11 Minor Consumption-Noll
- 9/11 Assault-South Halleck
- 9/11 Larceny-Apartments